Damages were also causd to Electronic Systems installed at Terminal-2 and Cargo Terminal at CSI Airport and also to Radar and Navigational Aids. The cost of these damages amount to Rs. 261 lakhs.

New hijack prevention policy

*98. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet Committee on Security has approved a new hijack prevention policy for India;

(b) if so, whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has prepared an aviation security manual that lists out procedures and identifies the strategic targets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved Contingency Plan for handling aircraft hijack situation.

(b) and (c) A Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security to prepare Aviation Security (AVSEC) Manual on handling Aircraft Hijack situation. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st January, 2006.

Boost to small and medium enterprises

*99. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to boost small and medium sized enterprises, he has charted a four pronged strategy for sectoral development including bringing in a legislation and doubling bank credit to Rs. 1,35,000 crore in five years;

(b) whether he has pionted out that flow of credit to small scale industry and tiny sector was targeted to be doubled in five years;

(c) whether number of registration of small scale industry in the country between 1999-2000 and 2004-05 went up from 12.32 lakhs to 14.38 lakhs; and

(d) if so, to what extent all of them would be benefited in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b)A "Policy Package on Stepping up credit to SME sector" has been announced in the Parliament on August 10,2005 which inter-alia includes fixing self targets for funding Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to achieve a minimum 20% year on year growth in credit to SMEs. The objective is to double the flow of credit to the SME sector by 2009-10, i.e. within a period of 5 years. The credit to small scale units which stood at Rs. 67,600 crore for 2004-05 is to be raised to Rs. 135,000 crore by 2009-10.

(c) Yes, Sir. The number of registered Small Scale Industries in the country has gone up from 12.32 lakhs in 1999-00 to 16.38 lakhs in 2004-05.

(d) The Policy Package announced by the Government envisages doubling of credit flow from the public sector banks to the small and medium enterprises sector while keeping the guidelines for priority sector unchanged which would facilitate greater financial support to the small units in sustainable manner.

Overseas investment by ONGC

*100. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment made by ONGC Videsh, an overseas investment arm of ONGC in various countries, country-wise; and

(b) the benefits accrued or likely to be accrued to the country in the near future from these investments?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The details of investments made by ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) in various countries are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(b) During 2004-05, OVL produced about 5 million metric tonne (MMT) of oil and oil equivalent gas (O+OEG) from their Vietnam and Sudan Projects. The production of O+OEG during 2005-06 is estimated to be around 5.20 MMT

Given the increasing gap between demand and domestic availability of crude oil, OVL's efforts fro acquiring equity oil and supplementary sources of oil and gas overseas, along with measures to accelerate exploratory